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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: SAIJO=7

In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 2829
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SAIJO et al)	Examiner: S. GEYER
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Appln. No.: 10/009,196)	Washington, D.C.
Nationalized: April 15, 2002)	
)	Confirmation No. 8572
I.A. No.: PCT/JP00/03746)	
I.A. Date: June 9, 2000)	
)	
For: CLAD PLATE FOR FORMING...)	January 9, 2003

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants first request the PTO to correct applicant's "attorney docket" i.d. The correct attorney docket for this case is **SAIJO = 7**.

The present application is U.S. national phase PCT/JP00/03746 filed June 9, 2000, and applicants have claimed priority from their Japanese application 11/164454 filed June 10, 1999. The PTO should have received a copy of applicants' Japanese priority application from the International Bureau. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the PTO the acknowledge receipt of applicants' papers filed under \$119.

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action mailed December 13, 2002, entirely in the nature of a restriction requirement. In response thereto, applicants hereby respectfully and provisionally elect Group I directed to a clad plate and presently comprising claims 1-4 and 8,

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without prejudice and without traverse. Thus, applicants accept the PTO ruling that the inventions are patentably distinct from one another, i.e. that each is patentable over the other.

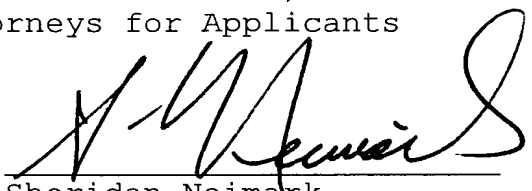
Consequently, if the examiner finds the elected claims to be patentable, the examiner is hereby authorized to cancel the non-elected claims by Examiner's Amendment without of course any prejudice to the present invention or to applicants' rights, including those rights provided by §§121, 120 and 119, to proceed with a divisional application on the presently non-elected subject matter, without any penalty whatsoever.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits of the elected claims directed to the clad plate.

Respectfully submitted,

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [XX] REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	*	MINUS	** 20	0	x 9	\$		x 18	\$
INDEP.	*	MINUS	*** 3	0	x 42	\$		x 84	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ 140	\$		+ 280	\$
					ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

- [] First - \$ 55.00
- [] Second - \$ 205.00
- [] Third - \$ 465.00
- [] Fourth - \$ 725.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

- [] First - \$ 110.00
- [] Second - \$ 410.00
- [] Third - \$ 930.00
- [] Fourth - \$ 1450.00

Month After Time Period Set

[] Less fees (\$) already paid for month(s) extension of time on .

[] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$.

[] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$.

[] A check in the amount of \$ is attached (check no.).

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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